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FROM: Nanking

TO: Secretary of State

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[redacted] has offered his own explanation of [redacted] strange behavior. When he last saw her two years ago in Peiping, he noted in her three incipient changes:

(1) She showed some signs of senility. She had become lonely old woman with definite sense of insecurity.

(2) She betrayed certain indications of religious re-awakening. She attended church, sang hymns and entered into prayer with unexpected feeling. (She comes from devout family. Her father was a minister. Her doctoral thesis at University of California was on psychology of prayer).

(3) She clearly evidenced not exactly disillusionment but rather certain misgivings with respect to actual practice of Marxism. While in Communist territory she was wildly enthusiastic over all she saw, but on her periodic returns to Peiping she listened attentively to other side of story as set forth by American missionaries whose experiences had been less favorable. She did not attempt, as Marxians usually do and she herself used to do, to rationalize these views as based on prejudice and misunderstanding, but rather accepted them as valuable. Her published works, however, contained no hint of apostasy. She strongly believed in permanent value of American evangelical activity in China and on one occasion even broached subject to Chou En-lai, expressing to him her hope CCP would adopt more conciliatory attitude toward foreign evangelical work.

[redacted] predicted [redacted] will go to Geneva where her

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